

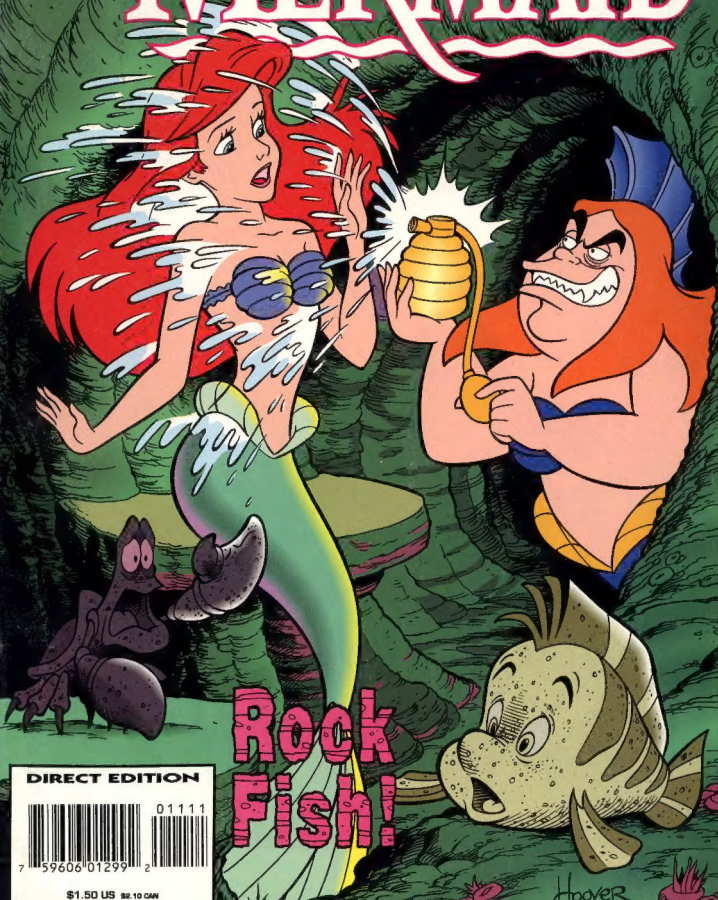
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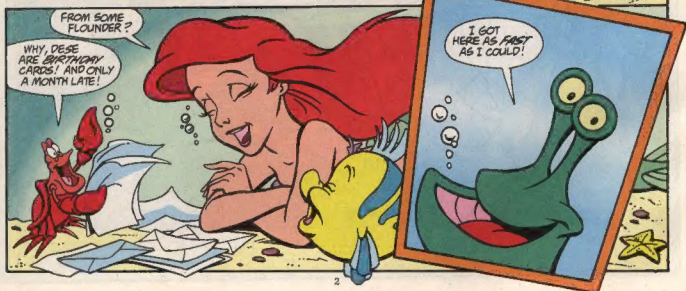
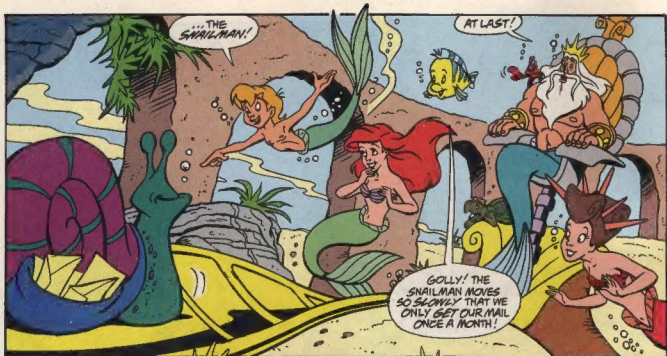
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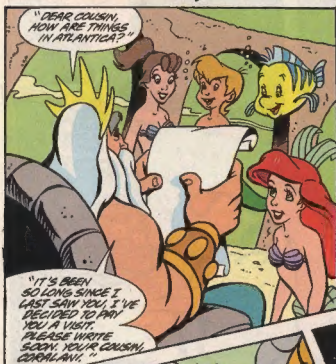
...THAT I'M  
ACTUALLY  
BORED!

SIGH  
YOU'RE RIGHT,  
DADDY! I WISH  
SOMETHING INTER-  
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HAPPEN.

WELL, HERE  
COMES SOMETHING  
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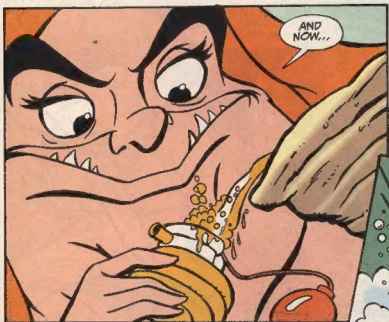


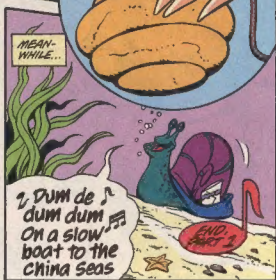
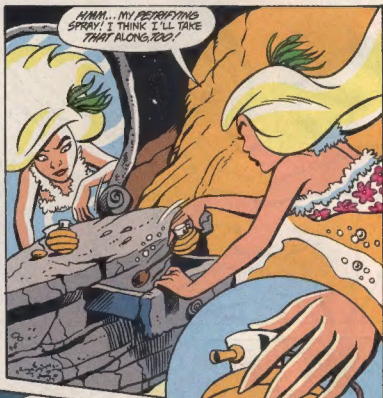
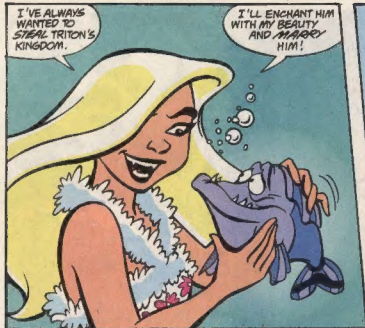








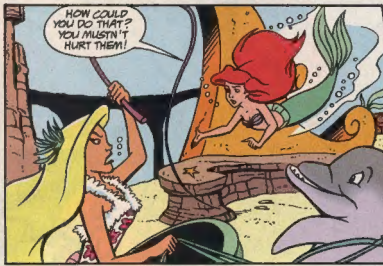






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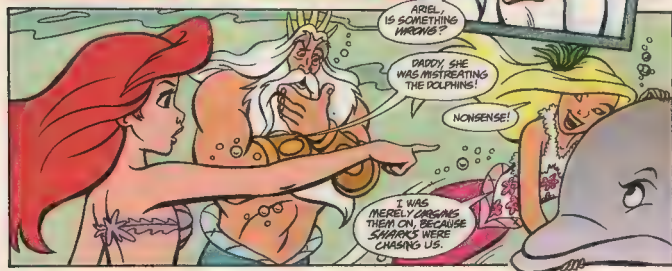
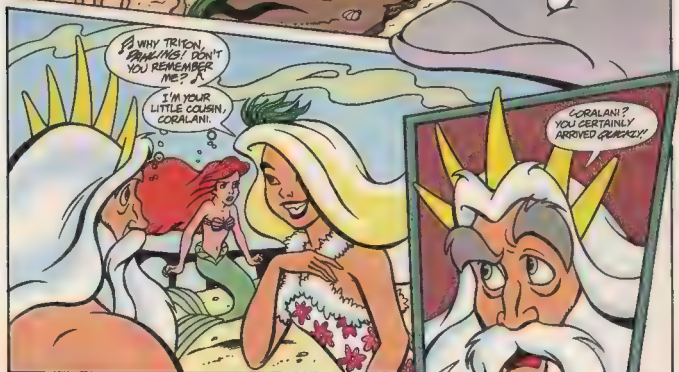
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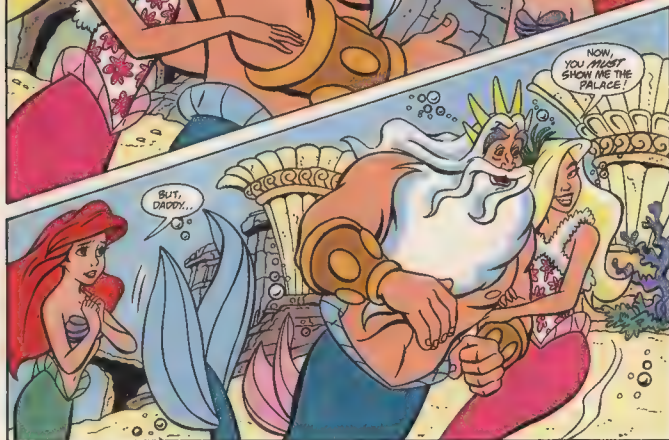
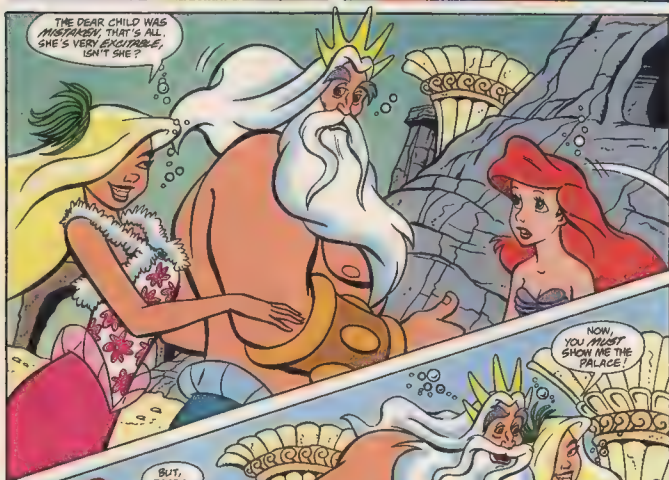
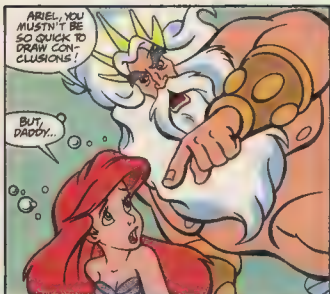
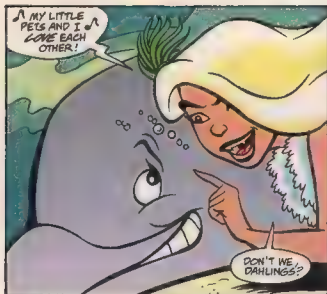
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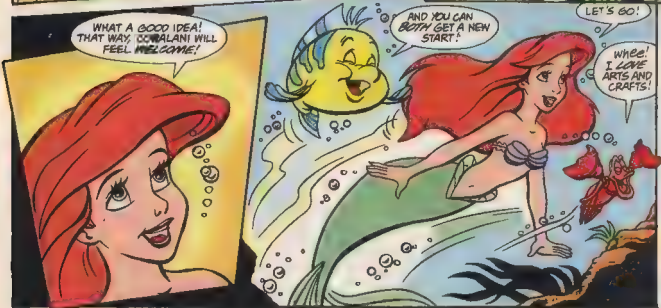
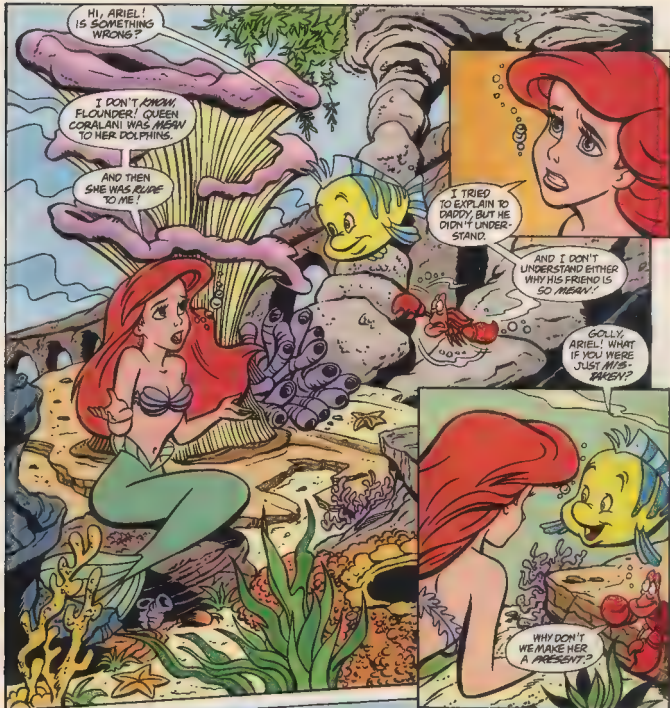
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SUCH A BIG,  
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OH, ER,  
WELL, NOT  
REALLY...

AND  
YOU'RE SO  
MODEST!

I JUST  
ADORE THAT IN  
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CORALANI, TONIGHT  
THERE'LL BE A BIG BANQUET  
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I'M  
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AND I'M  
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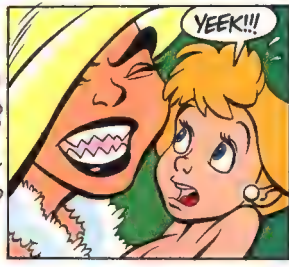
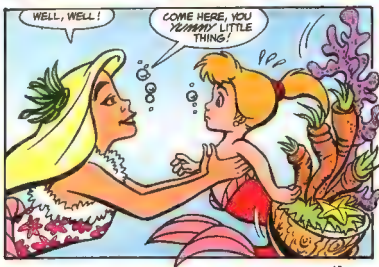
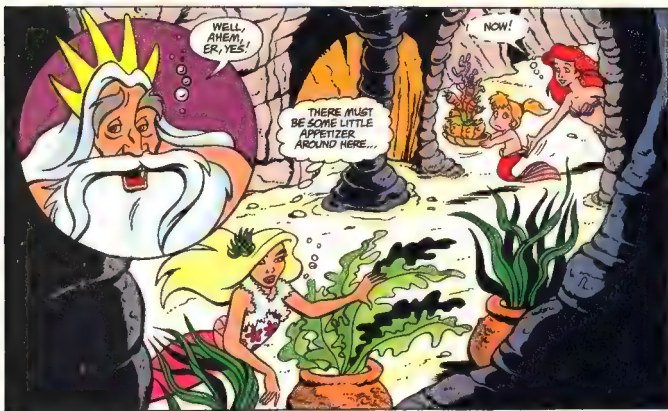
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FIND SOMETHING  
SMALL TO EAT, TO  
KEEP ME GOING TILL  
THE BANQUET.

WHILE...

DON'T  
FORGET!




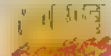

YOU GIVE HER  
THE FLOWERS AND  
SAY, 'THIS IS  
FROM PRINCESS  
ARIEL.'

THEN  
YOU COME  
IN, RIGHT?



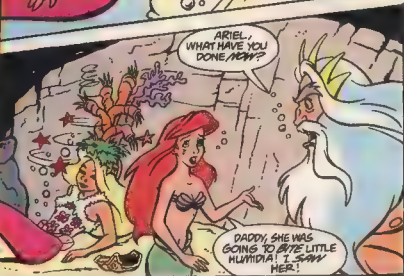
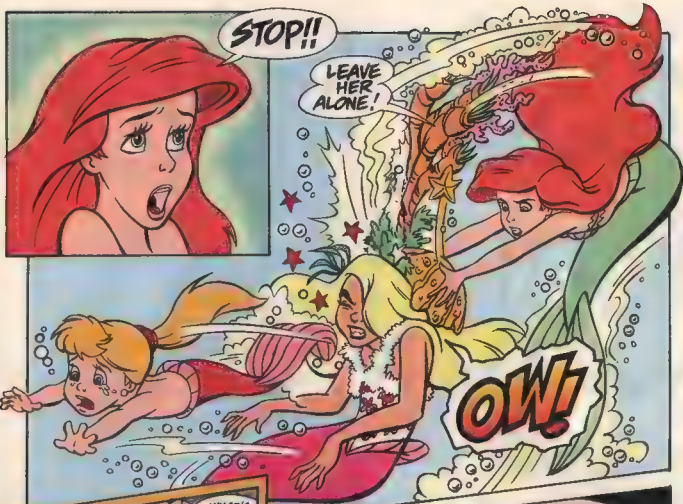


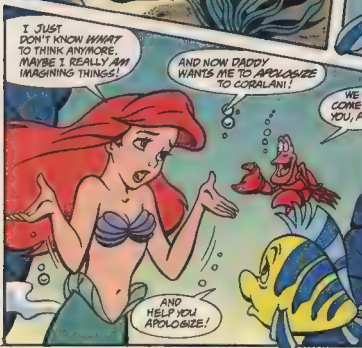
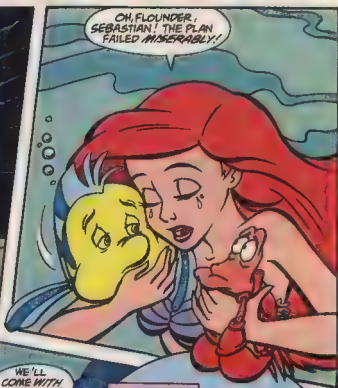
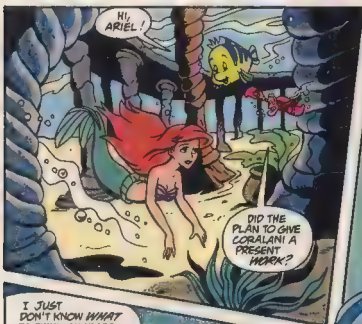
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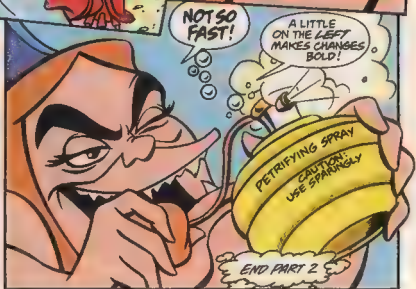
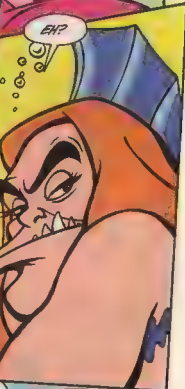
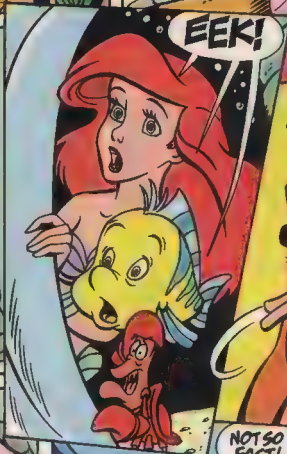
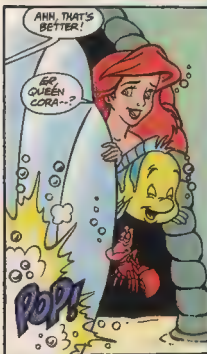
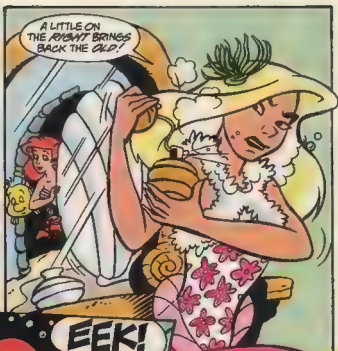
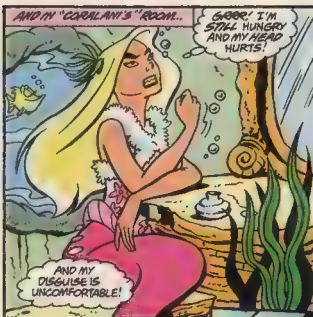
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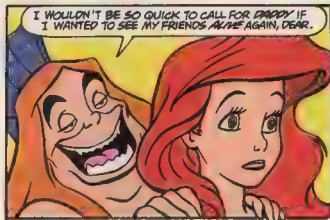
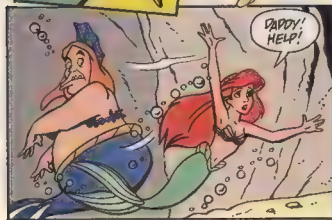
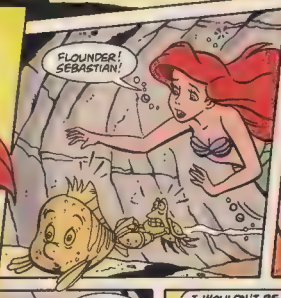
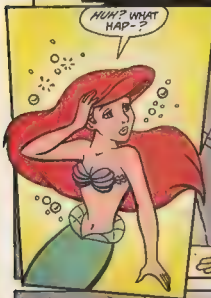
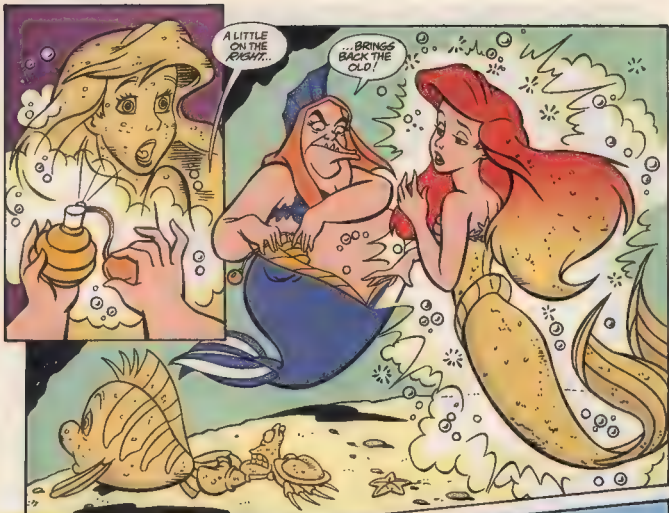
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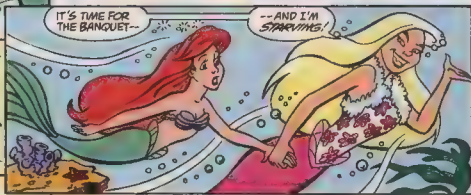
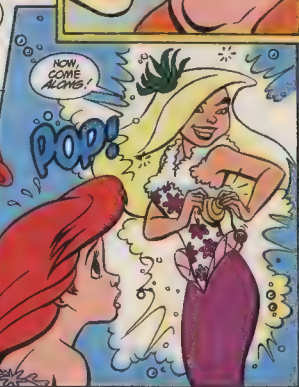
THIS'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU, YA BRAT, AND YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS, TOO! THOUGHT YOU COULD BEAT PIRANHA, WITCH QUEEN OF THE PIRANHAS, DID YOU?

NOW THAT DUNCE, KING TRITON, WILL MARRY ME, AND SOON ALL OF ATLANTICA WILL BECOME LUNCH FOR MY HUNGRY PIRANHAS! YA HA HAAA!

BUT THE KING WILL BECOME SUSPICIOUS IF THAT BRAT DOESN'T SHOW UP FOR THE BANQUET.

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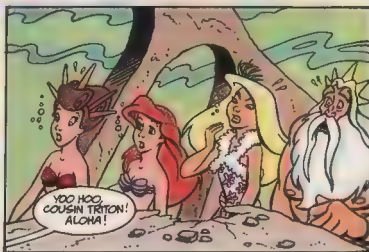
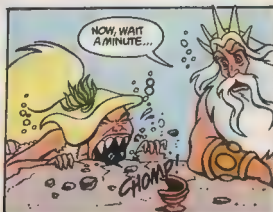
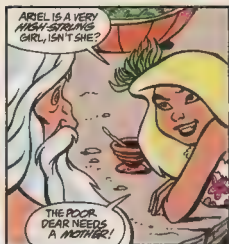
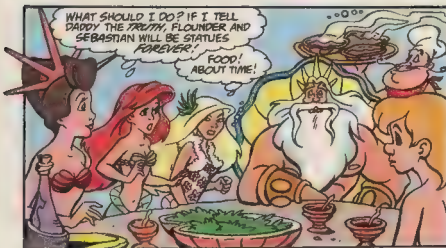
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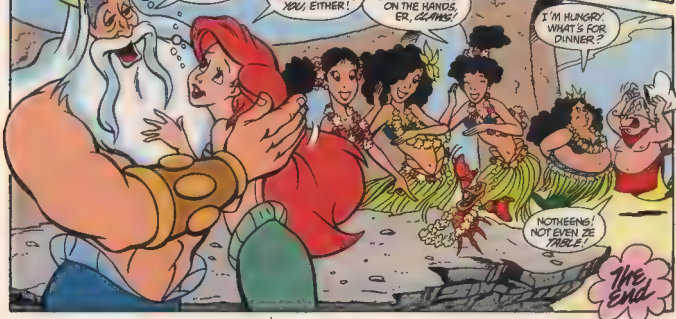
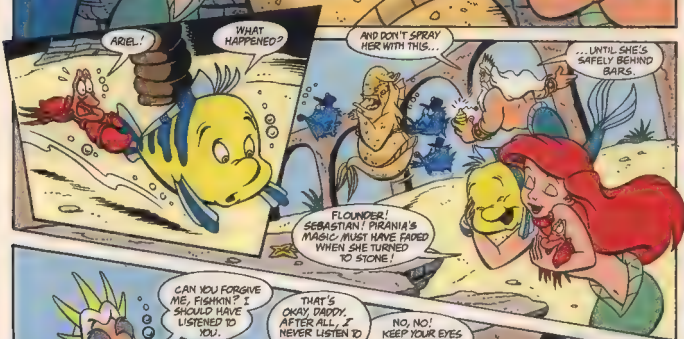
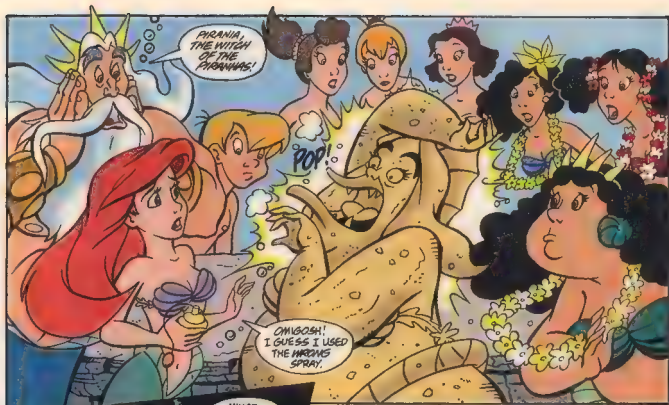


THEN WHO--?

I CAN  
EXPLAIN  
EVERYTHING!



NO, NO! THAT'S  
THE WRONG...!



# LITTLE MERMAIL

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Please include your name, age, and address, though we will gladly withhold that information upon request.

Dear Little Mermaid,

I really love Ariel's adventures in Atlantica! The first comic book that I read of THE LITTLE MERMAID was "Weed Worries." You know, the one about the flooglefish. Well, to tell you the truth, The Little Mermaid is my favorite cartoon show. If I hadn't gone to the mall today, I would never have discovered the comic books! So since I just did, I was curious about them and so in just five minutes I was done reading it! I also know the answer to the trivia question from TLM #6 — Ariel finds a fork and uses it to comb her hair!

Myra Grace S. Capanas, age 12  
Makati, Metro Manila  
Philippines

Welcome to the world of comics, Myral! Not only are you a quick reader, but a smart one, too! Since discovering TLM was such a wonderful experience for you, we hope you'll love the experience of our other Disney titles — BEAUTY & THE BEAST, ALADDIN, THE DISNEY AFTERNOON, and GARGOYLES!

Dear Editors,

As a longtime Ariel fan, I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy THE LITTLE MERMAID #9, featuring "The Sea Horse Tournament." I have been a faithful follower since the Hans Christian Andersen version of The Little Mermaid. It's so great to see our favorite princess being taken to higher altitudes with each issue you produce!

It takes stamina and care to come up

## Trivia Question:

In Ariel's very own animated The Little Mermaid TV series, Ariel and her pals rescue a man from a submarine-like machine, who turns out to be *what real person who did what?*

For the answer to TLM #9 trivia question, see Jessica's letter!



with such quality stories. How do you do it?! Working full-time, I don't get the chance to see the cartoon series very often. So with the comic at my fingertips, it brings a splash of fun into my busy schedule! Thanks again!

Sandy Ericson, age 43  
Redlands, CA

It's nice to have another Ariel veteran amongst us, Sandy! We can relate to the busy schedule! But it's the great creators and the wonderful fans that make it all worthwhile! We're glad you like the series!

Dear Little Mermaid,

I am one of your biggest fans! I drew a poster of The Little Mermaid. It was hung up in my school! I've been watching the cartoon every Saturday since it has come on and I read each issue of THE LITTLE MERMAID comic! I wish the TV series would come up with some new ones. I write comics about The Little Mermaid. Do you think Ursula will ever be in your comics?

Daniel Rothhammer, age 8  
West Orange, NJ

It's always fun to hear that there are aspiring artists in our midst! The evil witch, Ursula, has decided to let all the little scoundrels-of-the-sea be the starfishes of THE LITTLE MERMAID comic series!

Dear Little Mermaid,

I just love the Marvel/Disney comics! THE LITTLE MERMAID is my absolute favorite. I try to get them every month but sometimes the comic book shop by my house doesn't have any left!

C.J. Stevens, age 9  
Spokane, WA

We're sorry to hear that, C.J.! Be sure to tell the salesperson at your local comic

shop that you are looking for THE LITTLE MERMAID and there aren't any left! Perhaps they'll start ordering more copies!

Dear Hildy and Lisa,

My dad bought me THE LITTLE MERMAID comic book, "Lost & Found," and read it to me! It amazed me very much. This is the first comic book I have ever had. The story was very interesting and all the characters are so cute. I think I like Clawdia the best. I asked my dad to write this letter to you and he did, but he told me I'm a little too young to write a letter to the editors. Is that so?

Debra Yeh  
Upland, CA

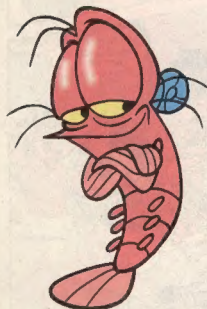
Whether our fans are young or old, big or small, we love them all, Debra! Dads can be a little protective of their little girls when it comes time for them to sprout fins. But don't worry, it happens to the best of us! We're glad you and your dad have found the Marvelous world of comics together. So stay tuned, there are a lot more fish in the sea!

Dear Little Mermaid,

The answer to the trivia question in THE LITTLE MERMAID #9 is: Ariel and her special friend, Gabriella, are looking for a magic starfish to grant them two wishes. Ariel wanted to wish for legs so she could dance, and Gabriella wanted to wish for a voice so she could sing like Ariel!

Jessica Sdaw  
S. San Francisco, CA

We can see you're a faithful The Little Mermaid follower, Jessica! You've given us the correct answer — Gabriella is Ariel's deaf friend who wishes more than anything that she could sing like her mer-







buddy Ariel, and Ariel would love to have two legs to be able to dance!

Dear Staff and Crew,

There is a great reluctance in writing a letter of this type. I don't want people, when they finish reading it, to think this guy has too much time on his hands. I won't impress you with how I've seen the movie 12,000

times, although I do own it. I'm not going to regale you with tales on how Trina Robbins and I used to tear up San Francisco in the mid-1980's, although I have met her twice. There will be no boring discussion on the sociopolitical ramifications of THE LITTLE MERMAID.

Seriously, the last time I was this jazzed about a comic book, they were 12 cents each! In an era littered with ultra-super heroes, mega-evil villains and page after page of carnage and destruction, it is a genuine joy to find a character who uses veracity, courage and intelligence to achieve her goals! I enjoy the entire crew who brings Ariel to life, but I do miss Mary Wilshire. And the only complaint I have, aside from the fact my issues arrive late, is that it doesn't come out often enough! Thank you and keep 'em printing!

Patric Conroy, age 39  
Walnut Creek, CA

We work hard to get our fans to fall *hook, line and sinker*, Patric! Thank you for the ever-so-flattering compliments! We hope that you enjoy our TLM artist extraordinaire, Walter Carzon! But if it's Mary Wilshire you'd like to *sea*, be sure to check her out in our BARBIE comics. Her wonderful *non-destructive* art is all over the pages! By the time you finish reading this letters page, THE LITTLE MERMAID #12 will already be on its way to you!

Dear Little Mermail,

I like all of your comics! I've seen the movie about 160 times. I am in the seventh grade and I play for the Derby Middle School Band. We are playing "Under the Sea" for all the schools in the area. I really enjoy THE LITTLE MERMAID. Keep up the good work!

Elaine Spencer, age 14  
Derby, KS



Well, if that isn't music to our gills, Elaine! It must be very exciting to get the opportunity to play such a classic. Good luck!

Dear Hildy & Lisa,

THE LITTLE MERMAID #9 was fantastic! Ariel is such a beautiful character and Flounder is just the cutest. It's so nice to see penciler Walter Carzon capturing Ariel's charm and wit in every issue! And I would like to tell you and your staff what a fun-tastic job they're doing. Keep 'em coming!

Vanessa Ashland, age 15  
Phoenix, AZ

You overwhelm us with such kind words, Vanessa! Our TLM pages are always drenched with the clever ways writer Trina Robbins, and artists Walter Carzon and Dave Hunt, present our favorite mermaid!

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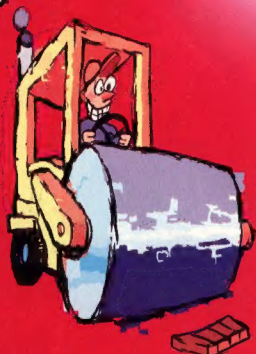
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